

a communication unit capable of wireless or wired communication with an external storage device for backup of the image information stored in said image storage medium;

5 a transfer process unit for transferring a predetermined taken image from said image storage medium to said external storage device and erasing said predetermined taken image from said image storage medium; and

10 a control unit for receiving the image, transferred to said external storage device and converted according to a display ability of said image display unit, through said communication unit and storing said image in said image storage medium.

15 9. An image pickup apparatus according to claim 8, wherein said display means displays an operation image for operating an image file stored in said external storage device in a state capable of communication with
20 said external storage device.

10. A control method for an image pickup apparatus provided with an image storage medium capable of storing plural taken image and an image display unit
25 capable of displaying at least said taken image, comprising steps of:

executing wireless or wired communication with an

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external storage device for backup of the image
information stored in said image storage medium;

transferring a predetermined taken image from said
image storage medium to said external storage device
5 and erasing said predetermined taken image from said
image storage medium; and

receiving the image, transferred to said external
storage device and converted according to a display
ability of said image display unit, through said
10 communication unit and storing said image in said image
storage medium.

11. A control method according to claim 10, wherein
said display means displays an operation image for
15 operating an image file stored in said external storage
device in a state capable of communication with said
external storage device.